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SC/Serial No.: 10/045,318  
Confirm. No.: 3120  
Filed: November 9, 2001  
Title: METHOD FOR USING A HARD  
MASK FOR CRITICAL  
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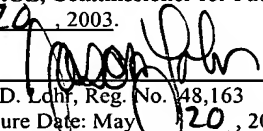
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Art Unit: 1765  
Examiner: L. Umez-Eronini

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(Attorney Signature)  
Jason D. Lohr, Reg. No. 48,163  
Signature Date: May 20, 2003

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-identified utility patent application. The subject patent application was filed on or after June 8, 1995 and this paper is being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313 is granted; (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated. 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a).

Transmitted with this communication are the following:

- ☒ An Amendment or Response.
- ☒ A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.
- ☐ A Request for Suspension of Action Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.103.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Previously submitted are the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Consider the Amendment(s)/Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on [date of mailing].

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Small Entity Statement**

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant(s) qualify for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

**The fee associated with this communication has been calculated as shown below:**

☒ \_\_\_\_\_ A fee of \$375.00 is due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) for the filing of this Request for Continued Examination.

☒ \_\_\_\_\_ A fee for extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 filed within three (3) month(s) after the original time for response of February 22, 2003. A fee of \$465.00 is due.

\_\_\_\_\_ A fee of \$130.00 is due under to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) for filing a Request for Suspension of Action *for cause*. [37 C.F.R. §1.103(a)]

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant(s) respectfully request a refund of this fee because, as more fully set forth in the Request for Suspension of Action, Applicant(s) submit that the cause of the suspension is the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ A fee of \$130.00 is due under to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) for filing a Request for Suspension of Action *not* for cause. [37 C.F.R. §1.103(c)]

\_\_\_\_\_ A fee for addition of claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 is due as follows:

| FEES   | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid For | Present Extra | Rate<br>Small Entity/Other Than<br>Small Entity | Total |
|--|---|---|---------------|---|-------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(c))   | ___* -                                    | ___**                                       | ___           | X \$ 9.00<br>X \$ 18.00                         | \$    |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(b))                                     | ___* -                                    | ___***                                      | ___           | X \$ 42.00<br>X \$ 84.00                        | \$    |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT<br>(37 CFR 1.16(d)) |   |   |               | + \$140.00<br>+ \$280.00                        | \$    |
|  |   |   |               | TOTAL   | \$    |

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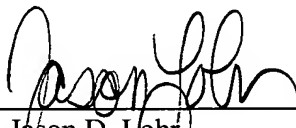
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☒ A check in the amount of \$840.00 is enclosed for the filing fee of the Request for Continued Examination and Petition for Extension of Time.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 5/20/03

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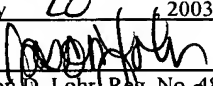
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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted with this communication in connection with the above-identified application are the following:

- ☒ A Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to the Office Action dated November 22, 2002.
- ☒ A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.
- ☒ A Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

The fee associated with this communication has been calculated as shown below:

- \_\_\_\_\_ No fee is required with this communication.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established.
- ☒ A fee for extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 filed within three (3) month(s) after the original time for response of February 22, 2003. A fee of \$465.00 is due.
- ☒ A fee of \$375.00 is due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) for the filing of the Request for Continued Examination.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A fee of \$180.00 is due for the submission of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A fee for addition of claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 is due as follows:

| FEES  | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate Small Entity/Other Than Small Entity |          | Total |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---|----------|-------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))   | ____* -                          | ____**                             | _____         | X   | \$ 9.00  | \$    |
|   |                                  |                                    |               | X   | \$ 18.00 |       |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))                                     | ____* -                          | ____***                            | _____         | X   | \$ 42.00 | \$    |
|   |                                  |                                    |               | X   | \$ 84.00 |       |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(d)) |                                  |                                    |               | +   | \$140.00 | \$    |
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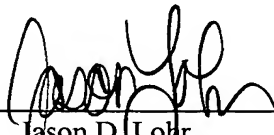
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